



The Small Purple-pea occurs in a range of grassy woodlands, often where grazing is limited.

### Contact Us

#### How you can be involved

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*If you find a plant you think might be a Small Purple-pea, take some photos and location details and contact us for assistance with identification.*



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# Small Purple-pea - *Swainsona recta*



## Protecting the Small Purple-pea In Central West NSW

## Help us find the Small Purple-pea

(*Swainsona recta*)

Local Land Services, with the support of the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, are seeking your help in their efforts to locate new populations of the nationally endangered Small Purple-pea.

This beautiful plant has suffered the loss of its woodland habitat and together with your support, we are hoping to secure its survival into the future.

If you think you might have seen this plant, please contact us!

All sightings of the species are important and will allow us to care for the Small Purple-pea in our region.

## What does it look like?

The Small Purple-pea is a small perennial herb, which, when flowering, can grow to 30 cm tall.

The leaves are almost hairless and divided into up to six pairs of 10mm long, narrow leaflets, each with a pointed tip. There is also a single leaflet at the end of each divided leaf.

It flowers between late September and early December, with each plant bearing one or more sprays of purple flowers.

For most of the year the plant remains dormant underground until conditions are right for flowering and seeding.

Most known populations of the Small Purple-pea occur within grassy woodland, with the plants growing in-between grass tussocks in more open areas. In drier areas, such as near Wellington, they are also found growing in woodland with native cypress pine.

The Small Purple-pea appears to persist in areas that have not been heavily grazed. Keep an eye on roadsides and bush areas where native shrubs and grasses still exist.



## Small Purple-pea

(*Swainsona recta*)

- slender plant, up to 30 cm when flowering
- narrow, hairless leaves
- hot pink to purple flowers on elongated stem

## Some other purple peas that the Small Purple-pea can be confused with:



### Southern Swainson-pea

(*Swainsona behriana*)

- Low growing, thicker, slightly rounder leaves
- Short flowering stem, flowers bunched at the end of the stem



### Silky Swainson-pea

(*Swainsona sericea*)

- Leaves are thicker, very hairy and silver in appearance
- Short flowering stalk, flowers bunched at end of stem



### Smooth Darling-pea/ Cranky Pea

(*Swainsona galegifolia*)

- Tall, bushy with pale pink flowers
- Larger leaves with many, rounded leaflets
- This plant is poisonous to stock